

EASTER FLOWER FASHIONS.

AZALEAS THAT RUN IN PRICE
AS HIGH AS \$300.New Ways of Preparing the Floral Gifts
—Ribbons No Longer Used—Of Cut Flowers
—Gardenias Are Smartest—Azaleas
That Cost From \$1 to \$10 a Spray.This year more than ever the attempt
of every florist is to have the exclusive
patent of something. They all like to
be able to tell their customers that this
specimen cannot be bought of any other
dealer in New York.One shop is offering pale pink rhododen-
drons mounted in imitation porcelain with
pedestals of the same shade of pink.
And all the flowers made of
pussy willow or ranunculus with pussy
willow and ranunculus, and the effect
is charming. Another has tall cages made of
pussy willow and in them are small bunches
of white long stemmed roses are tied
at the top and fall the length of the cage.Colored straw made to look like paper
is much used this season and its use always
matches the prevailing tint of the flower.
Baskets are nearly always covered now
with the chief tint of the contents, and the
pussy willow specialist has them made of that
color in all sizes.A hard metallic blue hydrangea has a
porcelain pot of the same tint to hold it
and the imitation antique pots and jardini-
eres are as popular as ever. Some this
year are made in a slate colored bluish
concrete which has not the mellowness of
the yellow shaded pieces. One florist has
gone further than any of his associates in
putting on the market as an Easter novelty
a whole miniature conservatory. A small
glass house in imitation of a conservatory
filled with the diminutive Japanese plants
growing in tiny pots of Japanese porcelain.
This green house rests on a tin about two
feet square which is arranged with walks
and grass. These novelties cost as much
as \$20.One noticeable feature of the plants this
year is the absence of ribbon in the best
shops. Two years ago every plant that
came out of a Fifth Avenue florist was
scarfed in satin ribbons that it was difficult
to see the blossoms; but that stage of
decoration is passed and ribbons are rarely
used even on the best.The Bermuda lilies hold their own and
range in price from twenty to thirty-five
cents, depending less on their quality than
on the neighborhood of the florist who
bought them. The white and pink azaleas
in a pot is of course, out of the running
nowadays and the usual pots hold three or
four plants at least. The white and pink
lilies last better than almost any other
flower and they continue to bloom for
several days. One exclusive florist has
a few seasons ago had a contest as to
standard and that is the planting of the
lilies in white tubs with gilded bands about
them.Hercules in the round pots that contain
from six to twenty are always a popular
Easter flower and are not excessively high.
They may be had at a quarter a blossom.
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PISTOLS WAKE UP THE FLATS.

Meehan Was Shooting From a Top Window
at the Blameworthy Hudson.Tenants of the Cromwell apartment house,
at 611 West 137th street, were scared about
10:30 o'clock last night when they heard
pistol shots somewhere on the top floor.
At the first shot or two, windows flew open
and heads bobbed out. Then there were
more bangings of the revolver, a man's
yells and screams from a woman on the
top floor. In a minute or two there were
more half clad people shivering in the
street in front of the Cromwell than there
were in the house.Mrs. Dunk, who was airing a pair of
French poodle dogs in front of her house
at 622 West 137th street, pretty nearly across
the street, saw the gunners from the top floor
window and heard the shots. She went
to a telephone and let Police Headquarters
know about it. Then Mrs. Fether came
down in the elevator of the Cromwell
screaming and got to another telephone.
In a few minutes fourteen phone calls
for help went into Police Headquarters.
Not only the tenants from the Cromwell, but
people in houses all along the block were
scared and out of bed.Policeman Brennan ran into the apart-
ment house and directed the apartment
of John G. Meehan on the top floor.
Mr. Meehan is a broker at 42 Broadway.
Last night, according to Mrs. Fether,
who is his neighbor, he was in his home
feeling fine, got out a couple of revolvers,
leaned out of the window and sent seven
bullet after the Hudson River, amusing
himself as he fired them by yelling. He
is in J. Hood Wright Hospital now.

T. N. E. CHAPTERS TO BE WELED.

Representatives Elect Officers and Hold a
Feast at Hotel Astor.Twenty-five members of Theta Nu Epsilon,
a sophomore secret society, went into an
executive session at 9 o'clock yesterday morn-
ing at the Hotel Astor to see if they could
achieve a fraternization of all their scat-
tered chapters and thus put more steam
into the lofty purpose of the fraternity,
which, as every college man knows, is to
promote the cause of temperance and to
devise proper discipline for the freshmen.The following officers were elected in the
morning session to govern the society: H.
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AMATEURSSCRUBTHE NEWARK.

A FEW MORE SATURDAYS WILL
GET THE CRUISER CLEAN.Just Now the Battalion Would Like to Get
Recruits—Cruises Will Begin About
June 1, but There is Plenty of Attractive
Barrel Work Ahead of That.On a spotless ship we'd like to dwell.
Although we have to work like the mitchell,
Four our legs we wash and scrub them
As white as those worn by Miss Whatevername.The boys of the First Battalion of Naval
Militia got down to work on their new
cruiser the Newark yesterday afternoon and
before six bells had her looking so very dif-
ferent that the real sailors aboard had to
admit that they had done well for amateurs.But they had to work. Street Cleaning
Commissioner O'Connell is executive officer
of the battalion, and he was there to make a
record. The Newark was dirty—very dirty
—and if visitors to-day feel like holding up
their Easter skirts as they would if they went
aboard one of the so-called alongside of Char-
ley Murphy's pier, next door, they must not
blame the boys, who did as well as they
could under the circumstances.About 100 of the 850 men of the battalion
showed up on the Newark shortly after
noon. A fine looking lot they were in potent
leather boots and good clothes. Most of
them had red ink on their fingers and car-
ried little bundles under their arms.Before two bells they had entirely changed
their appearance. One by one they emerged
from the forecastle smiling young men at-
tired in white canvas with the white bottoms
of their trousers turned up to the knee, while
bare feet only were visible above the tops of
their white canvas shoes.It wasn't quite a summer day, but they
pretended not to mind. It may be true, as
one of the real sailors remarked, that if a
man-o'-warman had been cleaning down rub-
ber boots and these canvas shoes, he would not
have been so unconscious of the inconvien-
ience and cold water as a woman with good
shoulders in a low cut gown is of a snowy
night.There were a lot of new mops on board
and plenty of sponges and the pier was
pretty nearly full of sand. So they started
in to work. Some were told to scrub
scrubbing down with sand and brushes
and water, while others cleaned bright
work or oiled up the neglected one pounders,
three pounders, five pounders and the big
six inch fellows of the main battery.A couple of lines of hose were coupled
up to the standpipes on the pier and the
ship's wash water was used to scrub
with fresh water. After that many bucket-
fuls of sand were scattered about the decks
and with salt water and brushes and mops
the men toiled.It was great fun at first—every one
trying to show how little he really minded
getting dirty and wet and every now and
then when some fellow was asked to
handling a nozzle let it slip and a few
gallons of water spilled over the others
the biggest laugh came from the men who
got wet. Later they shivered a little and
before they had worked as far as the
quarter deck the pace was not so rapid
and a few had taken off the thin white
canvas pants and were again in street
attire.If we expect to keep her we will have
to keep her clean, the boys said. They
said they would do their best. Then
he took out his watch and began to watch
the second hand.At fifteen seconds to 4 o'clock he said
"excuse me" and ran forward, sidestepping
the water. He rang the ship's big brass bell—
which hadn't been cleaned—eight good
strokes and came back to the gangway
with a clean and shiny face."Quite a job this—tending gangway
and ringing that bell every half hour," he
said, but he said it as a sailor, and when
he said it he was shivering all his life.
The commandant, Mr. Franklin, and the
Lieutenant Commander, Mr. Craven, had
forgotten to bring along their uniforms, but
there were Lieutenants and Mr. Craven, and
enough to make a platoon in uniform, so
everything all looked much as a quarter-
deck should look.The first part of the day when the boys
who had started forward had worked off,
and they were glad when Commander
Franklin told them that they might as well
stop for the day. They were told to wash
their hands and faces and to get their
decks and the decks were getting dry it could be seen
that they had done a good half day's work.With cleaning up the decks and the
after a while they will get the ship really
clean, and then it will be easy to keep her
so.The men are looking forward to the time
when the Newark will get up steam. And
it won't be long. In two months now
those who can get away will get their first
cruise. This time the coal is shovelled
on a ship that already has on board a full
complement of men. The militiamen will
do most of the work, even in the engine
rooms and down where the coal is shovelled
into the hungry furnaces.Just now the battalion would like to get
a few recruits.EXCLUDED FROM THE MAILS.
Fraud Order Against the Mt. Side Cattery
at Waterville, Me.WASHINGTON, March 30.—The "Mount
Side Cattery," an institution doing business
in Waterville, Me., that guaranteed to sup-
ply angora cats, with kittens or small cats,
at \$2 per head and fine silky Japanese span-
iels at the same price, has been excluded
from the use of the mails by order of Post-
master General Meyer. Charles L. Wake-
field is the name of the genius who con-
ducted the Mount Side Cattery, and he, too,
has been debarred from the use of the mails
on the ground that the "cattery" was a
scheme to defraud.F. E. Post and J. C. Hodges were the com-
plainants against the Mount Side Cattery
and Wakefield. To an advertisement in
which the cattery offered to supply
to furnish highly bred angora cats. He
wanted a cat with kittens. The cattery
sent Mr. Post a cat, but he alleges that it
was not an angora and was not what he
wanted. The cat was of plebeian birth and
died the day after Mr. Post received it.Mr. Hodges sent for a Japanese spaniel.
The breed of the dog is general in Japan
and characteristics are not described in
Mr. Hodges's complaint. He represents,
however, that it was not a Japanese
spaniel.Persons in Waterville who knew all
about the Mount Side Cattery were inter-
viewed by the inspectors who investigated
the case, and what they said was con-
siderable. They testified that the cattery
and Wakefield was decidedly un-
complimentary. They intimated that every
time the cattery received an order the
household pet of some prominent resident
of the town disappeared "twixt darkness
and daylight."Revolution in Venezuela Quelled.
WASHINGTON, March 30.—Señor Guzman,
Chargé d'Affaires of the Venezuelan Legation,
to-day received a cable despatch from the
Secretary of State of Venezuela saying
that the recent revolution started by Gen.
Gomez, of heart disease. Two days
ago he was notified by Charles E. Weeks,
counsel for the Mutual Benefit Life Insur-
ance Company, one of the trustees of the
sets forth that the revolution was a
to have the franchises conferred on the
defunct Cross Island Railroad Company
over the same route.Franchise Grant Held Up.
Supreme Court Justice Crane in Brook-
lyn has reserved decision on motion for
an injunction restraining the Highway
Commissioners of Brookhaven and Patch-
ogue from carrying into effect two
franchises granted by the townships referred
to the Suffolk County Traction Company
to construct and operate a trolley road be-
tween Babylon, Brookhaven and Patchogue.
The motion was made on behalf of Margaret
Gerity of Patchogue and William P. Youngs
of Brookhaven, who say that the railroad
company does not intend to operate the
road. Thomas L. Hughes, the president
of the Suffolk County Traction Company,
sets forth that the franchises were granted
to have the franchises conferred on the
defunct Cross Island Railroad Company
over the same route.